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5. U.N. AGENCIES' ACTIVITIES (UNCL)

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SEVERAL U.N. AGENCIES MADE NEWS IN BURMA DURING THE PAST WEEK WITH A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES:

-- A UNICEF DELEGATION HEADED BY EAST ASIA AND PAKISTAN REGIONAL DIRECTOR ESGUERRA-BARRY IS CURRENTLY VISITING BURMA TO OBSERVE ONGI MWUVFICEF-ASSISTED PROJECTS AND TO ASSESS PROJECTS FOR WHICH UNICEF AID HAS BEEN REQUESTED. THE BURMESE PRESS ANNOUNCED THAT "IT IS EXPECTED" THAT UNICEF AID WILL RISE TO \$2 MILLION NEXT YEAR, IOMPXL1 50 THE CURRENT \$1.6 MILLION ANNUAL LEVEL.

-- A BURMESE TOWNSHIP AGRICULTURE CORPORATION MANAGER LEFT FOR NIGERIA ON A YEAR-LONG UNDP/FAO FELLOWSHIPGKOR TRAINING IN LEGUME STORAGE AND INSECT CONOWDH.

-- TWO BURMESE FACTORY MANAGERS LEFT FOR A THREE-MONTH TRAINING COURSE FOR IRON AND STEEL TECHNICIANS IN THE USSR, SPONSORED BY UNIDO.

-- THE PRINTING AND PUBLHHIO CORPORATION MANAGER LEFT

FOR USUNESCO-SPONSORED PUBLISHING COURSE IN TOKYO.

-- A BURMESE DELEGATION LED BY INSTITUTIONW EDUCATION MANAGER U KYSY LEFT FOR NEW DELHI TO ATTEND THE SUB-REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSIONS OF UNESCO.

6. LAO PRIME MINISTER STOPS OVER (UNCL)

LAO PRIME MINISTER KAYSONE PHOMVIHONE AND PARTY STOPPED OVER IN RANGOON SEPTEMBER 4 ON THEIR WAY TO THE SOVIET UNION. THEY WERE MET AND TAKEN TO DINNER BY FOREIGN MINISTER U HLA PHONE BEFORE CONTINUING THEIR TRIP.

7. SOVIET TRADE UNION DELEGATION VISITS (UNCL)

A SOVIET

TRADE UNION DELEGATION HEADED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BUSHKIR REGIONAL COUNCIL OF TRADE UNIONS, DALGAT DAVLETBAYEV, ARRIVED IN RANGOON ON SEPTEMBER 1. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION ARE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LENINGRAD CITY BREADBAKING PLANT'S COMMITTEE OF TRADE UNIONS, MADAME RAISA SEMYONOVA, AND MR. KONSTANTINE TUZIKOV, AN OFFICIAL OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT OF THE ALL-UNION CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF TRADE UNIONS. THE DELEGATION MET WITH OFFICIALS OF BURMA'S CENTRAL PEOPLE'S WORKERS COUNCIL
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AND VISITED A SAW MILL, A JUTE MILL, A HOSPITAL, AND THE SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD. THEY ALSO TRAVELLED TO TAUNGGYI. THE DELEGATION'S STATED PURPOSE IS TO STUDY ACTIVITIES OF WORKER ORGANIZATIONS IN BURMA.

8. NEW AMBASSADORS TO POLAND, NEW ZEALAND, FINNV R, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, DENMARK, SPAIN (UNCL)
THE GUB HAS DESIGNATED NEW NON-RESIDENT AMBASSADORS TO SEVEN COUNTRIES:

- DR. BA MAUNG, AMBASSADOR TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA, TO BE CONCURRENTLY AMBASSADOR TO POLAND.
- DR. NYI NYI, AMBASSADOR TO AUFHRLIA, TO BE CONCURRENTLY AMBASSADOR TO NEW ZEALAND.
- U MYO MYINT, AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S.S.R., TO BE CONCURRENTLY AMBASSADOR TO FINLAND.
- U THA KYAW, AMBASSADOR TO THE U.K., TO BE CONCURRENTLY AMBASSADOR TO SWEDEN AND DENMARK.
- U THET TUN, AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE, TO BE CONCURRENTLY AMBASSADOR TO SWITZERLAND AND SPAIN.

9. NARCOTICS: ARRESTS AND SEIZURES (UNCL)
MANDALAY POLICE AND PEOPLE'S COUNCIL MEMBERS RAIDED THE HOMES OF TWO INDIVIDUALS SUSPECTED OF HEROIN POSSESSION. BOTH WERE ARRESTED WHEN SMALL AMOUNTS OF HEROIN WERE DISCOVERED. ONE WAS A DEALER WHOSE ARREST LED TO THE APPREHENSION OF SEVERAL HEROIN ABUSERS.

10. C-47S, DC-3'S GROUNDED (LOU)
SUBSEQUENT TO A MUCHOBVIOUS LOSS OF A BURMA AIR FORCE

C-47 IN EARLY JULY (EVIDENCE OF EXPLOSION OR DISMEMBERMENT WAS PRESENT), THE BAF GROUNDED ITS ENTIRE C-47 FLEET. CONCURRENTLY, BURMA AIRWAYS (BAC) FOLLOWED SUIT WITH THEIR DC-3 DAKOTA FLEET. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT INACTIVATED UNTIL COMPLETION OF X-RAYS AND CONTROL/CONTROL SURFACE CHECKS, IS TWENTY. AS OF THIS DATE THE PROBLEM HAS NOT BEEN RESOLVED. PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF NOTAM (NOTICE TO AIRMEN) TO AVOID A SMALL GEOGRAPHIC AREA BETWEEN TAUNGOO
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AND PEGU, WHERE THE CRAFT WAS LOST, SEEMS RATHER OVERDRAMATIC AND UNWARRANTED; THE LIKELIHOOD BEING THAT SEVERE WEATHER WAS THE CAUSE OF THE CRASH.

1. BURMA NAVY INTEREST IN PATROL VESSELS (CONF)
THERE ARE NUMEROUS INDICATIONS THAT THE BURMESE NAVY IS ACTIVELY CONSIDERING AND NEGOTIATING VERERIBLE ACQUI-

SITION OF PATROL VESSELS, BOTH DOMESTICALLY AND FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES. POSSIBLE FOREIGN SUPPLIERS UNDER CONSIDERATION INCLUDE ISRAEL, FRANCE, SINGAPORE, THE UNITED STATES, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, YUGOSLAVIA, USSR, AND THE UNITED KINGDOM. MOST REPORTED CONSIDERATION INVOLVES VESSELS BETWEEN 50 AND 100 FEET IN LENGTH, ALTHOUGH

VESSELS SMALLER AND LARGER THAN THIS ARE ALSO UNDER DIS-
CUSSION. THE DECISION WILL BE IMPORTANT FOR BURMA NAVY'S
FUTURE, BECAUSE COASTAL PATROL IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE TO
BE ITS PRIMARY FUNCTION. (DDAO REPORTS IR 6812 0088 76
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